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WATERSHED DEVELOPMENT FUND
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount earmarked for Andhra Pradesh during the years 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 under the Watershed Development Fund;

(b) the districts of Andhra Pradesh covered by this scheme;

(c) whether any more districts of the State are proposed to be covered by this scheme;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the role of the Central Government in implementation of this scheme and the results achieved so far in the State of Andhra Pradesh?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a): Presently an amount of Rs.20 crores has been earmarked for Andhra Pradesh during the year 2000-2001 by the Central Steering Committee of Watershed Development Fund and no amount for the year 2001-2002. This amount will be utilised over a period of 4-5 years.

(b): The Government of Andhra Pradesh has identified the following districts: (1) Chittoor (2)medak (3) Warangal (4) Rangareddy (5) Srikakulam and (6) Karimnagar.

(c): No.

(d): Does not arise.

(e): The Watershed Development Fund (WDF) has been established at NABARD with a total corpus of Rs.200 crores of which Rs.100 crores has been contributed by the Ministry of Agriculture and the remaining by NABARD. The Central Steering Committee (CSC) is the policy making body of the WDF and is chaired by the Secretary, Department of Agriculture & Cooperation. Other members of the CSC include representative from the Central Ministries of Rural Development, Environment and Forest, Finance as well as some State Representatives.

In Andhra Pradesh, NABARD has so far sanctioned three capacity building phase projects in two districts. Seven more capacity building projects are in the pipeline.